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The Virginia Department of Social Services has contracted with Virginia Tech Institute for Policy and Governance to provide training and technical assistance that will focus on the identification and assessment of disabilities. This training is being made available to local department of social services staff and their community partners.

The training will define physical and mental barriers to full employment, how to assess hidden barriers, what is reasonable work accommodation, the definition of disability, and the Supplemental Security Income Program application process.

The training is for those who work with TANF/VIEW participants. Since some of your clients are required to participate in VIEW in order to receive TANF, your staff would be eligible to attend this training. The focus will be on understanding disabilities and employment opportunities for TANF/VIEW clients; however, the skills and information learned by you staff are transferable to all the clients you serve.

Should you want your staff to take advantage of this opportunity, you can learn about the dates and location of this two-day training by contacting Hazel Bowman Smith at 434-547-5186 or hasmith2@vt.edu or Nancy White at 540-231-1205 njwhite@vt.edu

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